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Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, in paragraph 6 of which the Secretary-General was requested to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution, with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of the resolution. The first quarterly report covering the period from the adoption of resolution 51/243 to 30 September 1997 was included as part II of a prior report of the Secretary-General (A/52/709 and corrigendum 1) submitted on 4 and 9 December 1997. The second quarterly report for the period 1 October through 31 December 1997 was submitted on 10 March 1998 (A/C.5/52/43). The present report covers the period from 1 January through 31 March 1998.

2. During the period, 33 new type II gratis personnel started their service, as detailed in the table below. During the same period, 43 type II gratis personnel concluded their assignments.

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Department Office	*Functional Title*	*Nationality*	*Functions*	*Date on which service began*	*Expiration date of engagement*
Department of Peacekeeping Operations (5 persons)	Supply Officer Logistics Officers (2) Movement Control Officer Planning Officer	Austria Australia (2) Argentina Namibia	These gratis personnel perform specialized logistical functions in support and planning of peacekeeping and other field operations.	20 January 1998-2 March 1998	31 December 1998- 2 February 1999
Economic Commission for Europe (1 person)	Research Officer	Hungary	Prepares an in-depth analysis of the legislative and statistical systems related to medium-sized enterprises in economies in transition in Europe.	15 February 1998	30 May 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (10 persons)	Investigators	Canada (2) Netherlands Norway (2) Sweden (2) United Kingdom (3)	Perform investigations for the Prosecutor's Office in preparation of trials.	2 February 1998- 16 March 1998	30 June 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (2 persons)	Legal advisers	United States of America (2)	Provide legal advice to the Prosecutor's Office in preparation of trials.	3 February 1998- 18 February 1998	30 June 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (4 persons)	Legal assistants	Austria Belgium Nigeria United Kingdom	Provide legal assistance to the Prosecutor's Office in preparation of trials.	5 January 1998-2 March 1998	30 June 1998- 1 July 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (2 persons)	Translators	Switzerland (2)	Translate documentation related to cases brought before the Tribunal	23 March 1998- 30 March 1998	30 June 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (8 persons)	Investigators	Netherlands (7) Switzerland	Perform field investigations for the Prosecutor's Office in preparation of trials.	3 January 1998- 19 February 1998	4 June 1998- 30 June 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1 person)	Senior Legal Officer	Denmark	Provides legal services in the Registry division and legal assistance to the judges and the Registrar	6 January 1998	30 June 1998

3. In the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the five type II gratis personnel who commenced their service during the first quarter of 1998 were accepted to provide expertise for very specialized functions in logistics, movement control, planning and supply, which were not available at the time in the Secretariat.

4. At the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, 10 type II gratis personnel commenced functions as investigators, 2 as legal advisers, 4 as legal assistants and 2 as translators. These gratis personnel were accepted in order to allow the Tribunal to ensure effective and efficient processing of the cases brought to it, pending completion of the recruitment procedures against posts approved by the General Assembly in the Tribunal's budget. These gratis personnel will complete their duties on 30 June 1998.

5. At the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, eight investigators are carrying out specialized investigative functions in the various investigative teams. The investigators are responsible for field investigations, worldwide collection of evidence, securing witness statements, questioning suspects, apprehending suspects or indicted persons and escorting indicted persons to the detention facilities. Special details are created to deal with sensitive missions, such as witness handling or suspects. The senior legal officer provides legal advice to the Registrar, the judges and the legal research officers of the Registry. For these functions, there was no expertise available at the time in the Secretariat. This allowed the Tribunal to process the cases before it, pending completion of the recruitment procedures against posts approved by the General Assembly in the Tribunal's budget. These gratis personnel will complete their duties on 30 June 1998.